



SPRING 2026 EDUCATOR RESIDENCY PROGRAM

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

**APPLICATION WINDOW:
JULY 1, 2025 - OCTOBER 15, 2025**

Application can be found on our website
<https://education.ecu.edu/al/residency/>

**TEACHER LICENSURE CERTIFICATES
FOR RESIDENCY**

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Questions? alternativelicensure@ecu.edu

Please review all information found in this flyer.

ADVANTAGES OF CHOSING ECU AS YOUR EDUCATOR PREPRATION PROGRAM

Our program options for residency teachers include a fast-track program to assist teachers who hold a Residency License in meeting NC DPI Licensure requirements.

Fully online program to maximize accessibility

All coursework is delivered 100% online to provide maximum flexibility and access for working residency teachers. No campus visits required.

Formal academic advising model

Candidates receive dedicated one-on-one support from an academic advisor. Advising includes personalized course registration, ongoing progress tracking, and proactive guidance to help ensure on-time program completion and licensure readiness.

Affordable tuition rates

Benefit from ECU's discounted distance education tuition, making professional advancement more affordable without compromising quality.

Structured, career-focused plan of study

Each program follows a carefully designed, fast-track plan of study with built-in milestones and licensure preparation - developed with the needs of residency-licensed educators in mind.

edTPA & Licensure Exam Support

Candidates receive structured edTPA preparation, with submission embedded in the final course of the program. Access to 240Tutoring is provided to support studying for licensure exams, ensuring candidates are well equipped for successful licensure-clearance.

University-Issued Certificate issued at completion (for certificate licensure areas)

Upon successful completion of program coursework requirements, candidates are awarded an official certificate from East Carolina University. This credential formally recognizes your achievement and can be added to your resume as verification of your professional preparation and commitment to education.

Cohort candidates must fulfill all requirements set forth by NC DPI Residency License requirements. This includes yearly licensure renewal, employment, testing, coursework, etc. Enrollment in ECU's program does not guarantee employment or fulfillment of all licensure requirements. Information subject to change pending clarification from NC DPI. Please always consult with NC DPI & ECU websites regarding processes and deadlines.

RESIDENCY LICENSE OPTIONS

STEPS FOR ACCEPTANCE

1. Determine if you are qualified to be hired as a Residency Candidate.

Review the Residency License Policy and requirements as listed on the [NC DPI website](#).

- Content Proficiency (meet one or more areas)
- Institutionally accredited bachelor's degree
- 24 credit hours of coursework in the content area OR passing [NCSBE exam score\(s\)](#)
- Academic Proficiency
- 2.7 GPA (on a 4-point scale)

Former Lateral Entry candidates must have 24 hours and passing licensure exam(s).

2. Secure teaching position as a Residency Hire through NC DPI approved school or district.

Contact your desired school and/or approved charter school to confirm subject area eligibility, current vacancies, and processes for applying. You may be required to submit official transcripts or complete competency exam(s) prior to qualifying.

[List of LEAs, Charter Schools, etc.](#)

3. Connect with ECU Alternative Licensure to obtain required prior approval and confirm intent to enroll in ECU's program.

Affiliate with ECU as your approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP) by submitting an internal application, link found on website.

- Fall Cohort Application Window - December 1 through June 15
- Spring Cohort Application Window - July 1 through October 15
- Birth-Kindergarten (BK) application window and cycle is continuous

4. Secure institutional Admission

DO NOT apply to Admissions until receiving prior approval from the Office of Alternative Licensure.

Upon internal acceptance/prior approval from the Office of Alternative Licensure, secure institutional admission for the appropriate term and with the appropriate admissions link (provided by our office).

- Establish in-state status by connecting with [NC Residency Determination Service](#).
- [Activate ECU Student Email account](#)

5. Connect with your ECU Educator Residency Model Advisor.

- Your advisor will assist you with registration each semester, as well as navigation of any institutional policies and procedures.
- Please send via email any passing NCSBE exam score(s) (required licensure area exams).
- Please send via email a completed RL form each year. This must be signed by your district licensure specialist.

RESIDENCY LICENSE PATHWAY OPTIONS

Undergraduate Certificate	Graduate Certificate
Teacher Licensure in Elementary Education Certificate Residency Licensure Area: ELEM	Teacher Licensure in Elementary Education: Advanced Certificate Residency Licensure Area: ELEM
Teacher Licensure in Special Education Certificate Residency Licensure Areas: SPED GC and SPED AC	Teacher Licensure in Special Education: Advanced Certificate Residency Licensure Areas: SPED GC and SPED AC
Teacher Licensure in Middle and High School Education Residency Licensure Areas: Middle Grades Language Arts Middle Grades Social Studies Middle Grades Math Middle Grades Science English (9-12) Social Studies (9-12) Mathematics (9-12) Science (9-12) Business and Information Technology Family and Consumer Science	Teacher Licensure in Middle and High School Education : Advanced Certificate Residency Licensure Areas: Middle Grades Language Arts Middle Grades Social Studies Middle Grades Math Middle Grades Science English (9-12) Social Studies (9-12) Mathematics (9-12) Science (9-12) Business and Information Technology Family and Consumer Science
Teacher Licensure in Birth through Kindergarten Education Certificate Residency Licensure Area: BK	

Physical Education, Physical Education/Health, Theatre, Art, French, German, and Spanish are offered in our non-certificate Educator Residency Program. Program completion of these licensure areas leads to clearance of residency license only. These licensure areas do not lead to a certificate.

RESIDENCY LICENSE PATHWAY OPTIONS

We offer two certificate options, as well as a non-certificate licensure option for specific licensure areas, designed to support current residency licensed educators on their path to clear licensure in North Carolina. Both programs are structured with the working professional in mind and meet the requirements for NC licensure. Compare your options below.

	Undergraduate Certificate & Non-Certificate Plans*	Graduate Certificate
Transferability	courses do not transfer to graduate program	select classes may apply toward Master of Arts in Education program
Eligibility	2.7 degree conferred GPA or 2.7 GPA on 18 of 24 qualifying hour or passing test scores	2.7 degree conferred GPA and 24 hours of related content or passing test scores
Credit Hours	18-21 credit hours	18-21 credit hours
Program Length	6 semesters	6 semesters
Tuition Rate	\$206.33 per credit hour \$618.99 per course	\$304.84 per credit hour \$914.52 per course
GPA Requirements	required to maintain 2.7	required to maintain 3.0
Flexibility	courses can be retaken and grade replaced if needed	grades below C leads to removal from the program
Licensure Outcome	A level license through clearance of residency license	A level license through clearance of residency license

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LICENSURE CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

FOR ALL PROGRAM OPTIONS

1. Complete all coursework required of the program required GPA before the expiration of RL Year 3.

2. Pass licensure area exam(s) for residency licensure subject area(s).

3. Complete edTPA with a passing score.

The edTPA submission process is embedded within the Residency 2 Support course listed on the plan of study. Submission for scoring costs approximately \$300.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

An application for graduation (issuance of the certificate) must be completed at least one semester prior to the completion of the requirements for the certificate.

All certificate requirements must be completed before the first day of the subsequent term. **Certificate completers do not attend graduation ceremonies.**

Teacher Licensure Certificates at the Undergraduate Level

To remain in good program standing, candidates must meet the minimum GPA requirement of 2.7.

Teacher Licensure Certificates at the Graduate Level

To remain in good academic standing, candidates must meet the minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

TUITION SNAPSHOT

East Carolina University offers **competitive distance education tuition rates** for working professionals pursuing residency licensure. Tuition rates vary depending on whether you enroll in the Undergraduate or Graduate certificate program.

Undergraduate Residency Certificate

Estimated total tuition cost - \$3,713.94 to \$4,332.93 (based on 18-21 credit hours)

Estimated cost per course - **\$618.99**

Credit hour rate - \$206.33 for a student that is classified as in-state

Graduate Residency Certificate

Estimated total tuition cost - \$5,487.12 to \$6,401.64 (based on 18-21 credit hours)

Estimated cost per course - **\$914.52**

Credit hour rate - \$304.84 for a student that is classified as in-state

Additional Costs

- Admissions application fee
- Praxis or Pearson licensure exam(s)
- edTPA submission

Financial Aid

Because residency candidates are typically enrolled in **3 credit hours per term**, the program does **not meet the minimum enrollment required for federal financial aid**.

Tuition Payment Plan

ECU offers short-term **tuition payment plans** during the **Fall and Spring semesters** through the Cashier's office. These plans allow students to divide tuition into manageable monthly payments. Visit <https://financialservices.ecu.edu> for enrollment dates and terms.

In-State versus Out-of-State Tuition

Tuition rates are based on status as determined by the **North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS)**. Visit <https://ncresidency.org> to complete or update your RDS status.

*Tuition is subject to change. Please confirm the most current rates on ECU's Tuition & Fees page.

COURSEWORK EXAMPLE

Undergraduate Residency Certificate - Elementary Education (21 hours)

Grade	Term	Course	Course Title	Credits
	Spring 2026	MATE 3223	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary Grades K-6	3 SH
	Summer I 2026	ELEM 4003	Classroom Management and Child Development in the Elementary School	3 SH
	Summer II 2026	ELEM 4001	Integrated Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in the Elementary School	3 SH
	Fall 2026	SPED 4008 READ 4500	SPED 4008 - Exceptional Learners in the General Education Classroom READ 4500 - Teaching Literacy in the Elementary Grades	6 SH
	Spring 2027	ELEM 4991	Residency 1 in the Elementary School	3 SH
	Fall 2027	ELEM 4992	Residency II in the Elementary School	3 SH
*subject to adjustment			TOTAL:	21 SH

Undergraduate Residency Certificate - Business and Information Technology Education (18 hours)

Grade	Term	Course	Course Title	Credits
	Spring 2026	SPED 4008	Exceptional Learners in the General Education Classroom	3 SH
	Summer 2 2026	BITE 4002	Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in Business and Information Technology Education	3 SH
	Fall 2026	BITE 4004	Implementing Effective Instruction in Business and Information Technology Education	3 SH
	Spring 2027	READ 4317	Content and Disciplinary Literacy in the Subject Areas for Grades 6-12	3 SH
	Fall 2027	BITE 4991	Residency 1 in Business and Information Technology Education	3 SH
	Spring 2028	BITE 4992	Residency 2 in Business and Information Technology Education	3 SH
*subject to adjustment			TOTAL:	18 SH

Graduate Residency Certificate - Elementary Education (21 hours)

Grade	Term	Course	Course Title	Credits
	Spring 2026	MATE 5251	Modern Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3 SH
	Summer I 2026	ELEM 6501	Classroom Environment, Management, and Communication in the Elementary School	3 SH
	Fall 2026	SPED 6000 READ 6109	SPED 6000 - Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Regular Classroom READ 6109 - Introduction to K-6 Literacy Instruction	6 SH
	Spring 2027	ELEM 6991	Graduate Residency I	3 SH
	Summer 2 2027	ELEM 6201	Curriculum, Instruction, and Learning Theory in the Elementary Classroom	3 SH
	Fall 2027	ELEM 6992	Graduate Residency II	3 SH
*subject to adjustment			TOTAL:	21 SH

Each licensure area has similar coursework and outline.

The Teacher Licensure Certificate program for Elementary require 21 semester hours.

Other licensure areas require 18 semester hours.